



# CONNECTIONS



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## 2014 Reunion



August, 2014 Reunion attendees enjoying dinner. More photos are on our Web site.

The Kimball Family Association's family reunion was held August 8 through the 10th. As is customary, the new officers were elected. This year the new officers are:

President, **David Kimball**  
1st Vice President, **Richard Kimball**  
2nd Vice President, **open**  
Recording Secretary, **Judy Miller**  
Correspondance Secretary, **Sylvia Stevens**  
Treasurer, **Ed Miller**

Committee chairs are:

Genealogy, **Myra Sparkowich**,  
Scholarship Co-Chairs, **Ralph Stevens & Winnifred Kimball**  
Reunion, **Ralph Stevens & Winnifred Kimball**  
Meda chair, **Barbara Lewis**

Our new President has exciting plans for the future to expand KFA's mission and grow the organization. In his acceptance speech, David emphasized that he wanted to focus on "Community". He spoke of the community of people at the reunion, the community of members (about 250), the community on our KFA Web site, the community of KFA's FaceBook page, our Scholarship Community, and the Kimball communities throughout the

country. He also mentioned that with today's technology, it is now just as easy to develop a community anywhere in the United States as it is in just in New England.



David Kimball, KFA President

To succeed, there will need to be more volunteers to help with tasks small to large. Please email us at [mykimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com](mailto:mykimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com). if you are interested in helping out with any of the committees listed above. We need you.

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### Special points of interest:

- KFA has a new president: David Kimball.
- Our annual meeting was held August 8-10, 2014 at the Beacon Resort in Lincoln, NH,
- Annual membership dues owed changes to January.
- KFA's last quarterly Board meeting was held at the Reunion August 9th

# 2014 Board Meeting

**Kimball Family Association 45th Reunion 2014**  
**Held: Beacon Resort, Lincoln, NH**  
**Aug. 8th and 9th**

Kimball Association members who were available met Friday evening during dinner.

Meeting began after 9:00 on Saturday morning with coffee and conversation - 43 members. The silent auction was set up with items brought by members. Profits were to go to scholarship fund.

11:00 Denise Fix was guest speaker  
12:30 Barbeque lunch  
2:00 **Business Meeting:**  
Russ Bowden called meeting to order  
President was introduced, welcome speech  
Kimball Song  
Current board members introduced  
read minutes and approved

#### Treasurer Report:

Checking Acct	\$ 59.42
Savings Acct	\$ 1,290.55
Scholarship Acct	\$ 4,842.73
Genealogy Acct	\$ 4,837.19

#### Membership Status:

223 Members, 147 members outstanding, 76 have paid dues through 2015.

#### Old Business:

Annual dues are now to cover Jan 1 - Dec 31. \$10.00 \$2.50 to go to Scholarship. \$7.50 for general account.

New proposed Board Members were presented

President	David Kimball
1st Vice President	Richard Kimball
2nd Vice President	Vacant
Correspondence	
Secretary	Sylvia Stevens
Recording Secretary	Judy Miller
Treasurer	Ed Miller
2nd Treasurer	Al Hall
All Approved	

Reunion Committee: Ralph and Sylvia Stevens  
Genealogy Committee: Myra Sparkowich working on next volume,  
Guest Speakers:

James Harvey spoke of Mass Family  
Chris Wagner spoke of family

Silent Auction names announced with profit of \$465.00

Scholarship awards given to Hannah Plaininscheck & Halley Plaininscheck.

Meeting closed: 5:30 for members to go to Dinner.

Respectfully submitted  
*Judy Miller*

#### Current Officers:

**President**  
David Kimball

**1st Vice President**  
Richard Kimball

**2nd Vice President**  
Open

**Recording Secretary**  
Judy Miller

**Corresponding Secretary**  
Sylvia Stevens

**Treasurer**  
Ed Miller

#### Committee Chairs:

**Genealogy**  
Myra Sparkowich

**Scholarship Committee**  
Co-Chairpersons - Ralph Stevens & Winnifred Kimball

**Media Chair**  
Barbara Kimball Lewis,  
[www.yowzah.com](http://www.yowzah.com)

#### KFA Volunteers

We can use more help. Right now, a handful of members are serving the whole association. Have you uncovered an interesting story in your genealogical research? We can use articles for this newsletter. Do you have a background in marketing? Help us grow our membership. Have you organized events in the past? Support our upcoming Reunion or organize a local Kimball event. The time commitment is up to you. If you have a few hours to spare and experience in a field you want to share with us, please contact us.

All Committee Chairs and non-elected positions are appointed by the President. Any member interested in volunteering or assisting the Committee Chair may submit their name via mail to:

President - David Kimball  
Email: [mykimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com](mailto:mykimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com)



## 2015 Membership Dues Change

Our dues year has been changed to Jan 1 to Dec 31st of each year instead of July 1st to June 30th. This took effect Jan 1, 2015. Dues will remain at \$10.00 per year - January 1st through December 31st each year.

Download the membership form

from our Web site to renew. Thank you to those who have already sent in their membership dues.

For those who are not members, please consider joining. KFA is a non-profit organization that depends on volunteers to run it.

But there are still expenses to make this a viable organization. We depend completely on our dues to fund our activities and research the Kimball family lineage.

**Ed Miller,** - Treasurer



## Connections

The Kimball Family Newsletter is published during the year by the Kimball Family Association. (ISSN: 0890-0639).

The purpose of Connections is to inform all members of the Association on the actions taken by the Board of Directors, on publications and happenings of interest to Kimballs, and to provide for the exchange of genealogical information on the Kimball Family.

Readers are encouraged to submit articles, ideas and information to the editor for consideration with the understanding all such material is subject to editing. The Newsletter office acts as the clearinghouse for correspondence and inquiries.

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## Jesse Kimball, Pioneer

### *Excerpts from George and Helen Beattie*

While working on the life history of Jesse Kimball<sup>6</sup> (John<sup>5</sup>, Isaac<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>), pioneer settler in New York, Kentucky and Indiana, it has been brought strongly to mind that a man rarely goes through life without leaving a trail by which he may be traced. Often times the trail is obscure and all but lost, but it exists, nevertheless. Old letters, deeds to property, wills, mortgages, records of lawsuits, and all such papers—to say nothing of family bibles and family traditions aid the persistent searcher, frequently in a surprising manner.

There is a well-authenticated family tradition to the effect that Jesse contracted an unfortunate marriage before he came west, a marriage that terminated in a divorce and his departure from the scene of his troubles. His entering the United States army for service in the Indian wars must have occurred at about that time. The tradition concerning the divorce finds support in the record of the family belonging to Jesse Kimball in Canajoharie, New York, in the census of 1790. The four females and one boy were probably his wife and members of her family. The divorce, which its accompanying grief and mortification, goes far toward explaining the somewhat surprising fact that a man of his character and standing, as indicated by his real estate transactions in New York and Kentucky and by his life in Indiana, would join such an organization as the 2nd regiment of the United States army was at the time of the Indian wars. The regiment is known to have been made up, at that period, of a very disreputable element of the community. The quality of many of the men is indicated by the following passage from Maj. Denny's "Military Journal," dated Nov. 7, 1791:

*The prediction [of defeat] by General Harmar before the army set out on the campaign was founded on his experience and particular knowledge of things. He saw with what material the bulk of the army was composed—men collected from the streets and prisons of the cities and hurried out into the enemies' country.*

One of the problems connected with Jesse's life that long seemed insoluble was that of when and where he married Elizabeth Roelofson, the mother of the children named in his family bible. Recent discoveries have made it clear that the marriage occurred in Kentucky in the winter of 1793-94, soon after his arrival there. Family tradition pictures the wife as of Holland Dutch descent, fair, ruddy-cheeked, stout, industrious, and "no taller than the back of a splint-bottomed chair." The following account of her wed-



ding journey, as repeated by one of her granddaughters, [Mrs. Amyet Burton Harris] shows her to have been level-headed and resolute, as well :

*I don't remember hearing grandfather speak of serving in the Indian War, but he was familiar with the Indian mode of warfare and took great pleasure in having me read to him hour after hour of those things. He and grandmother were married in those troublous times. Do not know where they were married or by whom. Our grandmother was a Miss Elizabeth Roleson. Came from Germany [more probably Holland. G. W. B.] when a child, with her parents. Do not know where they settled, but it was among American people. Grandma said they, the children, would hide out when they would see someone coming toward the house, as there would probably be questions asked and they could neither speak nor understand our language. When Grandpa and she were married, the country was sparsely settled. The Indians roamed the forest and were very troublesome. The whites lived in little settlements [Near stockades. G. W. B.] here and there. I do not know how far he went for her, but they had been married and were enroute for his home on horseback, following a bridle path. It was very cold weather. They traveled on and on, after night fall, hoping to reach the settlement. They were suffering much from cold but on they went. After hours of solitary riding through deep lonely forests, they routed a bunch of hogs from their hiding. They were suffering so terribly with cold that grandpa suggested they tie their horses and get into the hog bed until morning to keep from freezing. Grandma said: "No I never have slept in a hog bed. This shows we are nearing the settlement. Let's press on." So they did, and after a time came in sight of a house all aglow with light. They rode up and he called out—when in an instant all was dark again. Grandpa called and pleaded but there was no response. He said: "I know you well," calling the man by name. But they (the occupants of the house) were afraid of Indians as they would resort to such tricks to get into houses and slaughter the inmates. He continued to plead and tell them of circumstances, places and people which he and they were familiar with. At last the lamps were cautiously lighted and they were invited in and met with a warm welcome, and were hospitably entertained until morning.*

The KFA is a non-profit association of the descendants of Richard Kimball.



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A buffet breakfast comes with the room at the Best Western Plus in Haverhill, MA

## 2015 KFA Reunion

Save August 14th to the 16th for this year's Kimball Family Annual Meeting & Reunion. The Reunion is a chance to meet old friends and relatives and greet new ones.

Our Reunion will be held at the Best Western Plus hotel in Haverhill, Massachusetts situated near such Boston area attractions as Fenway Park, the New England Aquarium, Historic Downtown Newburyport and Icenter.

There will be great food. Breakfast is included with the room. Friday's reception, Saturday lunch, and dinner are buffet style. The KFA Reunion Committee selects the caterer. The day also includes an auction to raise money for the KFA Educational scholarships. Please plan to bring one or two new or handmade items to contribute to the auction

The purpose of the Annual Meeting and Reunion is, of course, to conduct the

business of the Kimball Family Association. This meeting will cover old and new business, but it isn't all business and no fun. There is also much more to enjoy: like meeting relatives you didn't know you had; enjoying the fabulous catering; making a side trip to Bradford Burial Ground which contains the graves of many Kimballs. (Bradford Burial Ground is located on Salem Street in Bradford and was established in 1665) or visiting Boston and its many historic sites just 33 miles away.



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